

APPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
May 24, 2010

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M.

Present: Chair Krongold, Commissioners Fort, Moore and Warren.

Absent: Vice-Chair Tam, Commissioners Lord-Hausman and Kirola.

2. MINUTES

The April 26, 2010 minutes were approved with no changes.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

Chair Krongold requested that visitors introduce themselves.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. Pedestrian Signals (Virendra Patel, Public Works)

Virendra Patel of the Public Works Department, discussed the installation of accessible signals at the intersection of Island Drive and Robert Davey, Jr. regarding the proposed count down signals and truncated dome. Mr. Patel is seeking CDI approval. The CDI unanimously approved the project and thanked Mr. Patel for his time.

4-B. Programs & Services for Students with Disabilities (Helene Maxwell, College of Alameda, DSPS)

Chair Krongold introduced Ms. Maxwell whom she met at a College of Alameda (COA) Advisory Meeting. The Chair requested that Ms. Maxwell speak to the CDI regarding accessible programs and provide information regarding the overall program. Ms. Maxwell stated that DSPS funding has been reduced 45% by the state. Community colleges were to receive \$130 million dollars in Federal stimulus funding and the state legislatures provided only \$45 million dollars. Ms. Maxwell described the various programs offered through the college. Ms. Maxwell also pointed out that there are state mandated laws that the Community Colleges are required to meet, but acknowledged that all states are experiencing budget cuts.

Commissioner Warren asked what district Senator Steinberg represents to which Ms. Maxwell responded Sacramento, although he is a key decision maker in funding.

Ms. Maxwell reviewed various actions that individuals and the CDI could pursue, including contacting State and Federal representatives. Ms. Maxwell requested that the CDI communicate with the new President of COA, upon Dr. George Herring's retirement. She also requested that the CDI write a letter of support for an impending Department of Rehabilitation grant.

Chair Krongold asked when the deadline is for the grant to which Ms. Maxwell responded June 30.

Chair Krongold asked when the new president of COA would be appointed to which Ms. Maxwell responded within two weeks.

Commissioner Moore stated that she will write a letter and follow up with an e-mail.

The CDI agreed to write a letter of support for the grant. Commissioner Moore suggested utilizing students to support the program to which Ms. Maxwell agreed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-A. CDI Vision Planning (Chair Krongold)

Chair Krongold distributed and discussed the draft CDI Vision Planning which she and Commissioner Lord-Hausman put together. The draft covered the partnership, celebration of the 20-year anniversary of the ADA and a presentation to Council which will lead up to Disability Awareness Month activities during the month of October.

Commissioner Moore stated that the goals are limited to accessibility and seniors vs. younger individual and omits events that would support the entire community.

Commissioner Warren gave a presentation on another goal oriented event which includes art, creating a movie and a reception. Commissioner Warren spoke with the Recreation and Park Department regarding use of the O'Club and costs.

Chair Krongold suggested that the bulk of the June meeting should be to discuss CDI Vision Planning and goals to which the Commission agreed.

5-B. Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee (PAPCO) (Commissioner Lord-Hausman)

Commissioner Lord-Hausman was not present.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

There were no staff communications.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Kelly Harp with Community Resources for Independent Living, distributed fliers regarding two upcoming events regarding ADA Anniversary Festival.
2. Secretary Akil stated she and Chair Krongold would be meeting regarding the ADA/CDI website.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary